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LETTER DATED 19 JUNE 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, following the completion of the deployment of the forces of the United Nations Observation Mission in the demilitarized zone between Iraq and Kuwait on 9 May 1991, in implementation of paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991), the Kuwaiti side has committed a number of violations of the cease-fire provisions in the above-mentioned zone. These were confirmed by the observer forces, which notified the Kuwaiti authorities of them. The violations were as follows:

1. At 1850 hours on 26 May 1991, the Kuwaiti side fired a number of sporadic shots from the demilitarized zone in the direction of the Umm Qasr subdistrict. The shooting lasted until 1900 hours on the same day.

2. On 31 May 1991, a Phantom warplane flew over the Umm Qasr area at night and during the day and penetrated 5 kilometres inside Iraqi airspace and then returned in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

3. At 1210 hours on 1 June 1991, two Phantom warplanes flew over the Khor Abdullah waterway and the Safwan area at a low altitude and penetrated 5 kilometres inside Iraqi airspace. They then returned from the direction of Safwan to Kuwaiti airspace.

4. At 0820 hours on 8 June 1991, two F-16 aircraft flew over the Umm Qasr area coming from the direction of Safwan and then disappeared after a while in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

These provocative actions by the Kuwaiti side constitute a violation of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries under the terms of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations defining the mandate of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission.

In informing you of these violations, I request you to take such measures to put a halt to them as are imposed by the principles and provisions of the United Nations Charter.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir K. K. AL-NIMA
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